Annia Bosse, a graduate of East Boston High School, proves that investing in students while they are in high school leads to a more successful college and career pathway. Not only did Annia participate in Mass Insight’s program through three AP STEM courses, she completed an internship at State Street as part of Mass Insight’s Student Partners program to which she credits the success she is now achieving in college.

Annia explained her experiences in Mass Insight’s AP STEM program in the classroom as well as in the workforce.

What was the biggest challenge in your AP class experience?

The biggest challenge in my whole AP class experience was having to manage all of them at once. I took three AP classes and all of them came with a college level workload and expectations. Yet, fortunately, I was taught by teachers that truly cared about their students and provided us with support to help us succeed.

How do you feel that AP may have helped you for college?

My AP classes have given me an advantage over my classmates. For instance, Language and Composition helped me get ahead in my college English class because I already knew the material, so while other students were learning new concepts, I was improving my writing skills. Thanks to my calculus teacher and my efforts, I earned a qualifying score on this AP exam which exempted me from the college class. And my AP math provided skills I will use when I take statistics next year.

What were your responsibilities as a State Street Intern?

I worked in the IT Department with a group that focused on Client Service Technology. We learned about the net asset value of mutual funds, how to perform statistical analyses on our data, and how to draw conclusions based on our findings. Every week, we met with our supervisors and discussed our work. They would give us feedback and then provide us with more data to analyze. The most interesting part was that all the data that we were provided with were all real, current, and relevant to the business. Consequently, our work was truly needed and appreciated, which made our experience more significant and enjoyable for all the interns including myself.

What internship challenges that were most valuable?

The biggest challenge that I faced during my internship was the limited time that I had to get familiar with the higher level statistical concepts and the computer programs needed to analyze data when I just started. Yet, I also consider this challenge the most valuable to me because it taught me that working in the business world often involves working in different departments that I might not always be familiar with and therefore, I will need to work hard and fast to get familiar with them to start working in a new environment.